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the Government have received any complaint that the Police are entering the premises of Pulikar Mills in Tiruchengode taluk, Salem district and intimidating the workers to scare them away from their trade union activities?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government have not received any complaint, Sir, though the Collector of Salem received one. The Collector caused an enquiry into the matter and found that the allegations against the police were untrue."

Prohibition offences.

* 387 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state the number of persons arrested in the City of Madras in the year 1952–53 and till the end of the year 1953 for Prohibition offences?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :— " 11,162, Sir."

SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI :—" May I know from which particular area of the City, the number of arrests was greater and whether females formed a greater percentage of them? "

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" I do not have the specific numbers. I do not also have information now as to whether women or men formed a greater percentage of the arrests. If time is given, I shall furnish the information that the hon. Member wants."

Destruction of horses in the King Institute, Madras.

* 388 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many horses were shot dead by the authorities of the King Institute in the years 1951–52 and 1952–53 in their branch stables in Vepery and Fort St. George; and

(*b*) the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) During 1951–52 *three* horses were destroyed and during 1952–53 *eleven* were destroyed.

" (*b*) They were destroyed on account of old age and poor response to immunization, and in two cases on account of broken limbs due to accidental fall in the stable."

SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI :—" Why should the Government shoot these animals? Why have they not sent them to the Pinjarapole? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" They are not shot. It is the usual practice in all serum laboratories of the world to bleed horses to death when they show a fall in the anti-toxin level in the blood."